

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
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The Honorable Mark A. Morgan
Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and
Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20229

Mr. Larry Kudlow
Director, National Economic Council
Room 469, EEOB
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Secretary Ross, Ambassador Lighthizer, Commissioner Morgan, and Mr. Kudlow:

We write again on behalf of Micro Stamping, a New Jersey manufacturing company, to seek your assistance to effectively implement Department of Commerce-approved exclusions this company received from the Korean steel quota. Despite having operative exclusion decisions for the precision steel products needed to manufacture an array of non-invasive surgical devices, under the current interpretation, Micro cannot receive its exclusion product until the annual quota is filled, due to Korea's management of quota product shipments.

No manufacturer can conduct business and meet customer requirements without regular access to the materials needed to create their products, and the current situation is simply unacceptable for Micro. We need your immediate assistance to correct this problem.

Recent news reports indicate that the President intends to impose Sec. 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum imported into the United States from Brazil and Argentina. While we do not take a position on that proposal, this is an opportunity to address Micro's issue. We ask you draft the Presidential Proclamation related to those tariffs to include clarifying language allowing the exclusion of products from countries subject to quantitative restraints to enter the U.S. at any time exclusion decisions are operative. We suggest the below language to address the issue:

Until such time as any applicable quantitative limitation for a particular article has been reached, CBP shall count any steel article for which relief has not been granted under this clause toward such quantitative limitation at the time when such steel article is entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption. However, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall not count any steel article for which relief is granted toward any applicable quantitative limitation, and shall allow such steel articles

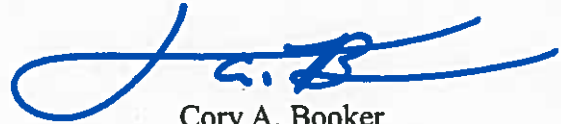
to enter at any time during the period for which relief is granted regardless of whether the applicable quantitative limitation for such steel article has been reached.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request and timely response.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator



Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Member of Congress



Frank Pallone, Jr.
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Bonnie Watson Coleman
Member of Congress



Tom Malinowski
Member of Congress